

ODELL CASSIED BRACKETT.

WAIL OF THE TRUSTFUL SARATOGIAN, BUNCOED! BUNCOED!

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Senator Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga, in a prepared statement for a New York Democratic newspaper, told yesterday of the compact between the Odellites and the Blackites by which Chairman Odell was to supplant Senator Platt as Republican leader of the State and Black was to succeed Dewey in the United States Senate, as follows:

"Something over a year ago I was asked by Gov. Odell to join in a project which would make him the chairman of the State committee, Gov. Black United States Senator to succeed Mr. Dewey, and effect a general reorganization of the party in the State. I agreed to give to the movement such help as I could.

"Since the original talk with Gov. Odell he has repeatedly gone over the situation, and always declared his purpose to support Gov. Black to the utmost. It was at his urgent request that Gov. Black become a candidate, against his own judgment, and with many misgivings that Gov. Odell would prove a quitter, as he has done."

Senator Brackett then goes on to tell of what occurred at the recent conference at the Republican Club, when Gov. Odell resorted to "subterfuge"; one hour Odell pledged himself to all present that he would carry out his end of the compact, and within a few hours came his declaration for Senator Dewey. Senator Brackett says that Mr. Odell "finally gave as his only reason that it would break one of the dearest friendships of his life, and that he persisted in his support of Gov. Black."

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Then Mr. Brackett plaintively closes with this remarkable peroration: "Yes, I've learned—learned some things, and some men. But I've held to the truth, broken no faith and fought in the open. I hope that every one connected with the transaction has the same comforting reflection, but I doubt it."

One of the comforting reflections to Senator Brackett in having "held to the truth and broken no faith" was recalled by Republicans yesterday. They told how in April last Senator Brackett in carrying out his end of the compact to make Odell State leader turned on the friend of a lifetime, the general who gave him the nomination for Senator in the Twenty-eighth district, who started him in political life and gave him the opportunity for wealth which Senator Brackett has seized with such avidity. This friend was the Hon. William W. Worden, now postmaster at Saratoga Springs. Worden was Brackett's political creator, and he was the first to suggest that in April last Worden come to New York city to participate in the Republican State convention which was to name delegates at large to the national convention. Worden had been a power in the party for many years and had declared over and over again that Platt would be leader of the party as long as he lived.

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